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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **"APOLOGY TO AMBASSADOR BRIDGETTE MOTSEPE**

On 29 October 2019, Mr. Jako Hubona, an investigator employed by the Botswana Directorate of Corruption and Economic Crime, deposed to an affidavit in proceedings before the High Court of Botswana, in which he alleged under oath that Ambassador Bridgette Motsepe was the co-signatory to bank accounts in which funds allegedly stolen from the Bank of Botswana were laundered and implicated her in financing terrorism. The allegations made by Mr. Hubona against Ambassador Motsepe and supported by the government bodies he mentions are entirely false and were made recklessly.

The allegations also impugned others including Wilhemina Maswabi, former President Seretse Khama Ian Khama and the late Isaac Kgosi as well as a number of financial institutions and the South African Reserve Bank among others. The Government of Botswana, the Directorate of Corruption and Economic Crime, the Directorate of Intelligence Security Services and Mr. Hubona unconditionally retract their allegations and apologise to Ambassador Motsepe for making them. The new human rights-based Government of Botswana under the leadership of Advocate Duma Boko reaffirms its commitment to the rule of law and assures the public that fabrications of the nature as occurred will never occur."

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Thank you.